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Abstract. We aimed at quantifying biogenic volatile organic compound (BVOC) emissions in June from three Mediterranean species located at the O₃HP site (southern France): *Quercus pubescens*, *Acer monspessulanum* and *C. coggygria* (for isoprene only). As *Q. pubescens* was shown to be the main BVOC emitter with isoprene representing $\approx 99\%$ of the carbon emitted as BVOC, we mainly focused on this species. *C. coggygria* was found to be a non-isoprene emitter (no other BVOCs were investigated).

To fully understand both the canopy effect on *Q. pubescens* isoprene emissions and the inter-individual variability (tree to tree and within canopy), diurnal variations of isoprene were investigated from nine branches (seven branches located to the top of canopy at ≈ 4 m above ground level (a.g.l.), and two inside the canopy at ≈ 2 m a.g.l.).

The *Q. pubescens* daily mean isoprene emission rate (ER_d) fluctuated between 23 and 98 $\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$. *Q. pubescens* daily mean net assimilation (Pn) ranged between 5.4 and 13.8, and 2.8 and 6.4 $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ for sunlit and shaded branches respectively. Both ER_d and isoprene emission factors (Is), assessed according to Guenther et al. (1993) algorithm, varied by a factor of 4.3 among the sunlit branches. While sunlit branches ER_d was clearly higher than for shaded branches, there was a non-significant variability of Is (59 to 77 $\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$). Diurnal variations of isoprene emission rates (ERs) for sunlit branches were also investigated. ERs were detected at dawn 2 h after Pn became positive and were mostly exponentially dependent on Pn. Diurnal variations of ERs were not equally well described

throughout the day by temperature (C_T) and light (C_L) parameters according to G93 algorithm. Temperature had more impact than photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) on the morning emissions increase, and ER was no longer correlated to $C_L \times C_T$ between solar noon (maximum ER) and mid-afternoon, possibly due to thermal stress of the plant. A comparison between measured and calculated emissions using two isoprene algorithms (G93 and MEGAN – Model of Emissions of Gases and Aerosols from Nature) highlighted the importance of isoprene emission factor Is value used, and some weakness in assessing isoprene emissions under Mediterranean climate conditions (drought) with current isoprene models.

1 Introduction

Isoprene (2-methylbuta-1,3-diene) is the most abundant biogenic volatile organic compound (BVOC) released into the atmosphere with a global annual flux estimation of 400–660 TgC yr⁻¹ (Guenther et al., 2006). Once in the atmosphere and due to the high quantity emitted, isoprene strongly impacts the atmospheric chemistry. Indeed, this molecule is going to react quickly with the main oxidant compound (OH), leading to the formation of oxidative highly reactive products in the atmosphere (Atkinson, 2000; Ciccioli et al., 1999; Claeys et al., 2004; Steiner and Goldstein, 2007).

At a smaller scale, isoprene plays a key role in the tropospheric chemistry since, like other VOCs, it is an ozone pre-

cursor in the presence of NO_x and light (Atkinson, 2000). NO_x being mainly emitted by anthropogenic sources, isoprene emissions occurring close to megacities surrounded by large ecosystem areas (such as the Mediterranean) can significantly contribute to high O_3 levels in summer (Curci et al., 2009).

Isoprene emissions are well recognised to be strongly driven by temperature and light conditions. Indeed, without any other environmental constraints, these two parameters drive the diurnal cycle of isoprene emissions (Guenther et al., 1991). More precisely, light affects the photosynthetic processes which, in turn, impact the quantity of isoprene precursor (especially glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate) for isoprene synthesis, and temperature increases isoprene synthase activity (Niinemets et al., 2010b). As a result, it was shown that the branch location inside a canopy is an important source of isoprene emission variability, with significantly lower isoprene emissions from shaded branches inside the canopy compared to sunlit branches at the top of the canopy (Harley et al., 1994; Monson and Fall, 1989).

However, other factors can explain isoprene emission variability. In particular, the capacity to emit isoprene (or emission factor I_s) is intrinsically bound to the plant species. Guenther et al. (1994) proposed therefore to divide isoprene emitter species into four groups with negligible ($< 0.1 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$), low ($14 \pm 7 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$), moderate ($35 \pm 17 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) and high ($> 70 \pm 35 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) emitter species.

In Europe, *Quercus pubescens* Willd. is one of the most important isoprene emitter species, and represents thus one of the most significant biogenic isoprene sources in the Mediterranean region (Keenan et al., 2009). Previously reported I_s values were observed to vary for this species in the Mediterranean area over a large range. Kesselmeier et al. (1998) and Owen et al. (1998) assessed a fairly similar I_s of 50 and $66 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ respectively at a site near Montpellier (France), which was 50 % lower than what Simon et al. (2005) found 250 km from this site. On the other hand, Steinbrecher et al. (2013) observed a remarkable I_s stability from seedlings of various oak species (including *Q. pubescens*) originating from different environmental climates (precipitation, temperature) and coming from different European sites. Simpson et al. (1999) proposed in their European BVOC inventory review an I_s value of $53 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ for *Q. pubescens*.

This emission factor variability represents one of the main uncertainties of BVOC emission models. Parameters such as edaphic conditions, natural hybridisation between plant species, and environmental tree history have been suggested to impact the overall capacity of a plant to emit isoprene.

This study was part of the CANOPÉE project which aimed at analysing and quantifying intra-canopy processes in the reactive organic compound exchange between the biosphere and the atmosphere, with a focus on isoprene (further de-

tails can be found at <https://wiki.lsce.ipsl.fr/canopee/doku.php?id=links>). An intensive field campaign took place at the Oak Observatory at OHP (O_3HP), a Mediterranean site located in southern France.

Our objectives during this campaign were (i) to extensively screen, at the branch scale and using dynamic enclosures, BVOC emissions from the O_3HP forest, with a focus on *Q. pubescens* and, to a lesser extent, *Acer monspessulanum* L., whose emission data have never been reported so far; *Cotinus coggygia* was also investigated in terms of isoprene alone; (ii) to survey the canopy variability (tree to tree and within the canopy) and (iii) the diurnal variability of *Q. pubescens* isoprene emissions and (iv) to test the ability of two commonly used algorithms to assess, under Mediterranean climate constraints, the observed diurnal variations of isoprene emission.

2 Methods

2.1 Experimental site

BVOC measurements took place at the O_3HP experimental site located in the research centre Observatoire de Haute Provence, 60 km north of Marseille ($5^\circ 42' 44'' \text{E}$, $43^\circ 55' 54'' \text{N}$), at an elevation of 650 m above mean sea level (a.m.s.l.). The O_3HP (955 m^2), free from human disturbance for 70 years, consists of a flat homogeneous forest mainly composed of *Q. pubescens* ($\approx 90\%$ of the biomass and $\approx 75\%$ of the trees). The remaining 10 % of the biomass is mainly represented by *A. monspessulanum* trees. The mean *Q. pubescens* diameter at 1.3 m is 8.8 cm ($n = 272$) and the stage of the whole canopy closure was assessed by a mean leaf area index of 2.2. Dry leaf production was assessed for *Q. pubescens* to range between 1.4 and $1.6 \text{ t ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$. The O_3HP site was created in 2009 in order to study the downy oak (*Q. pubescens*) forest ecosystem at soil and tree scale, under both natural and accentuated water stress conditions (a control and a rain exclusion plot respectively) induced by a rainfall exclusion device (an automated monitored roof deployed during rain events) set up over a part of the O_3HP canopy. A dense network of sensors in the soil, under and over the canopy, continuously recorded the climatic and edaphic parameters (air and soil temperatures and relative humidity, photosynthetically active radiation or PAR). A two-level metallic scaffold allows the canopy access at two heights (under the canopy at 0.8 m and at the top of the canopy at 4 m). For further details see <https://o3hp.obs-hp.fr/index.php/fr/>.

2.2 Sampling strategy

The experiment took place from 29 May to 19 June 2012. A total of nine different *Q. pubescens* and one *A. monspessulanum* were studied for isoprene emissions during the cam-

paign. *C. coggygia* was found to be a non-isoprene emitter (no other BVOCs were investigated).

At the beginning of the campaign, in order to screen the composition of BVOC emissions and monitor diurnal variations over a 24 h period, a PTR-MS (proton transfer reaction–mass spectrometry) was connected to an enclosure system (described below) set up on one *A. monspessulanum* and one *Q. pubescens* sunlit branch (*Am*, 2 June and *Qp4*, 1 June respectively). *Am* and *Qp4* were located in a clearing 40 m north of the O₃HP scaffold (Fig. 1) close to where the PTR-MS system was set up during the CANOPEE campaign (see Kalogridis et al., 2014).

To further investigate the variability of isoprene emissions at the canopy scale, two strategies were undertaken.

On the one hand, tree-to-tree variability was evaluated by studying three healthy and sunlit *Q. pubescens* branches within the control (*Qp1*, *Qp2*, *Qp3*) and the rain exclusion (*Qp5*, *Qp6*, *Qp7*) plot. On the other hand, variability of isoprene emissions between shaded and sunlit branches was assessed on *Qp1* and *Qp2*. In addition to a sunlit branch, a shaded branch was also studied for those two trees, approximately 2 m above ground (*Qp1_{shade}* and *Qp2_{shade}*). Isoprene samples were collected on adsorbent cartridges.

When cartridges were used, isoprene emissions were sampled approximately hourly from sunrise to sunset. One of the enclosures was maintained on the *Qp1* branch during the whole campaign (15 days) in order to follow continuous diurnal variations of isoprene emission rates during the concomitant isoprene canopy flux measurements carried out by Kalogridis et al. (2014). The second enclosure was used to alternatively investigate, over 1 to 2 days, isoprene emissions from the other eight branches selected (sunlit and shaded). Concomitant microclimate (PAR, temperature, relative humidity) and physiological parameters (net photosynthesis *Pn* and stomatal conductance to water *Gw*) were continuously monitored during the BVOC sampling.

No other *A. monspessulanum* branches were studied since the online PTR-MS screening revealed very low BVOC emissions.

2.3 Branch-scale sampling methods

Dynamic branch enclosures were used for sampling BVOCs. Branches (mature leaves ≈ 3 months old) were enclosed in a ≈ 60 L PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene) frame closed by a sealed 50 μ m thick PTFE film to which ambient air was introduced at 11–14 L min^{−1} using a PTFE pump (KNF N840.1.2FT.18[®], Germany). A PTFE propeller ensured a rapid mixing of the chamber air and a slight positive pressure within the enclosure enabled it to be held away from the leaves to minimise damage to the biomass. Microclimate (PAR, temperature, relative humidity) inside the chamber was continuously (every minute) monitored by a data logger (LI-COR 1400[®]; Lincoln, NE, USA) coupled to a RHT probe (relative humidity and temperature, LI-COR 1400–

04[®], Lincoln, NE, USA) and a quantum sensor (LI-COR, PAR-SA 190[®], Lincoln, NE, USA); the latter sensor was set up and maintained horizontally in the enclosure and located close to the leaves. CO₂/H₂O exchanges from the enclosed branches were also continuously measured using infrared gas analysers (IRGA 840A[®], LI-COR).

Pn ($\mu\text{mol}_{\text{CO}_2} \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) was calculated using equations described by Von Caemmerer and Farquhar (1981) as follows:

$$Pn = \frac{F \times (Cr - Cs)}{S} - Cs \times E, \quad (1)$$

where *F* is the incoming air flow rate (mol s^{-1}), *Cs* and *Cr* are the sample and reference CO₂ molar fractions respectively ($\mu\text{mol}_{\text{CO}_2} \text{mol}^{-1}$ or ppm), *S* is the leaf area (m^2), *Cs* \times *E* is the fraction of CO₂ diluted in the water evapotranspired ($\mu\text{mol}_{\text{CO}_2} \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) and *E* is the transpiration rate ($\text{mol}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) calculated as follows:

$$E = \frac{F \times (Ws - Wr)}{S \times (1 - Ws)}, \quad (2)$$

where *Ws* and *Wr* are the sample and reference H₂O molar fractions respectively ($\text{mol}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \text{mol}^{-1}$).

Gw ($\text{mol}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) was calculated using the following equation

$$Gw = \frac{E \times \left(1 - \frac{Wl + Ws}{2}\right)}{Wl - Ws}, \quad (3)$$

where *E* and *Ws* are described in Eq. (2), *Wl* is the molar concentration of water vapour within the leaf ($\text{mol}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \text{mol}^{-1}$) calculated using the equation

$$Wl = \frac{VP_{\text{sat}}}{P}, \quad (4)$$

where *VP_{sat}* is the saturated vapour pressure (kPa), and *P* is the atmospheric pressure (kPa).

Air flow rates were controlled by mass flow controllers (Bronkhorst) and all tubing lines were made of PTFE.

Total dry biomass matter (DM) was assessed during this study for each sampled branch by manually scanning every leaf enclosed in the chamber and applying an area factor (AF) conversion extrapolated from concomitant measurements made on the same site. For top and shaded canopy branches, mean (range) DM measured during this study was 0.16 (0.01–0.45) and 0.10 (0.01–0.38) g_{DM} respectively, and mean (range) AF was 13.17 (0.82–36.67) and 11.98 (2.10–41.85) cm^{−2} respectively. A mean leaf-to-mass-area ratio (LMA) of 123.2 ± 1.0 (*n* = 5 trees) and 87.1 ± 1.8 g_{DM} m^{−2} (*n* = 15 trees) was then assessed for sunlit and shaded branches respectively. Since the sampled *A. monspessulanum* was not located into the protected O₃HP site, DM was assessed directly by cutting off the branch, drying and weighting foliar biomass; LMA was 75.4 g_{DM} m^{−2}.

Branch enclosures were mostly installed on the previous day before the first emission rate measurement took place and at least 2 h before.

For BVOC screening, the PTR-MS was connected to the enclosure system with a 25 m length 1/4 in PTFE tubing (not heated) in order to follow, online, the rapid diurnal variations of BVOC emission rates from a *Q. pubescens* and an *A. monspessulanum* branch; flow rate entering the chamber was fixed at 14.7 L min^{-1} (for details of PTR-MS system see Kalogridis et al., 2014).

Due to the number of samples collected during this study, BVOCs sampled on cartridges were analysed by the two partnered laboratories (IMBE, LSCE) using very similar analytical techniques. BVOC concentrations were measured in both the inflowing and the outflowing air by passing the air through adsorbent cartridges at 0.1 L min^{-1} for 1–3 min: Chrompack glass tubes 6.1 mm OD (outside diameter), 150 mm length packed with 0.06 g Tenax TA and 0.14 g Carbotrap B, and Perkin Elmer stainless-steel (SS) tubes 6.1 mm OD, 90 mm length packed with 0.3 g Tenax TA for IMBE and LSCE respectively. Sampling rates were controlled by mass flow controllers. Before measurement, tubes were preconditioned at 300°C for 2–3 h under continuous helium purge. During sampling, glass tubes were protected from direct sunlight with aluminium foil. Tubes were removed from a cold box located close to the enclosures just before the measurements. Subsequent to sampling, tubes were sealed with Swagelock end caps and PTFE ferrules and stored at 4°C before laboratory analysis within the following 3 weeks. Ozone was removed from sampled air by placing PTFE filters impregnated with sodium thiosulfate ($\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$) onto the sampling lines accordingly to Pollmann et al. (2005).

BVOC emission rates (ERs) using PTR-MS and cartridges were calculated by considering the BVOC concentrations in the inflowing and outflowing air as

$$\text{ER} = Q_0 \times (C_{\text{out}} - C_{\text{in}}) \times B^{-1}, \quad (5)$$

where ER is expressed in $\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$, Q_0 is the flow rate of the air introduced into the chamber (L h^{-1}), C_{out} and C_{in} are the concentrations in the inflowing and outflowing air (μgCL^{-1}) and B is the total dry biomass matter (g_{DM}).

Intercomparison exercises between isoprene determination using both IMBE and LSCE cartridges and the online PTR-MS showed a mean difference (bias) between 4.0 and 8.6 %.

In addition to these parameters recorded inside the enclosures, daily mean PAR, temperature and relative humidity were recorded above the canopy (6 m) during the campaign and are presented in Fig. 2a together with the mean daily soil water content (Sw, Fig. 2b) obtained in the control and the rain exclusion plots (mean of six and five different probes respectively).

2.4 Analytical methods

BVOCs collected in glass and SS cartridges were analysed using similar gas chromatography–mass spectrometry (GC–MS) techniques.

Glass tubes were analysed with a gas chromatograph (GC, HP 6890N[®]) coupled to a thermal desorption injector (Gerstel, TDS3/CIS4[®]) and a quadrupole mass selective detector (MSD, HP 5973[®]). Sampling tubes were thermally desorbed at 250°C with carrier gas (He) flowing at 50 mL min^{-1} for 10 min. Isoprene was re-concentrated onto a Carbotrap B cold trap maintained at -50°C . Secondary desorption was set up at 250°C for 3 min. An Al/KCl capillary-type column ($30 \text{ m} \times 0.250 \text{ mm ID}$ (inner diameter), $5 \mu\text{m}$ thickness film) was used for the analysis using helium (5.6, Linde gas) as carrier gas at 1 mL min^{-1} and the following temperature program: 40°C (1 min) to 200°C (1 min) at $20^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$. The MS detector was set up at 250°C in scan mode with m/z ranging from 40 to 150 amu. The isoprene detection limit was 0.015 ng on column, corresponding to 3 pptv in air for a 1 L sample, with a level of analytical precision better than 5 %. Under sampling conditions (similar flow rate, volume, biomass), 3 pptv corresponds to a minimum emission rate of $0.003 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$. Isoprene quantification was achieved using a $5.00 \pm 0.25 \text{ ppm}$ diluted in N_2 certified gas standard (Air Liquide). Desorption and quantitative analysis of BVOCs from SS sampling tubes was carried out using a Perkin Elmer ATD-300 automatic thermal desorption unit connected via a transfer line heated at 220°C to a Varian CP 3800 GC connected to a MSD, Varian Saturn 2200 MSD. Compound desorption started at 225°C for 10 min at 30 mL min^{-1} onto a mixed Carbotrap B and Carbosieve SII cold trap maintained at 0°C . Secondary desorption was at 300°C for 1 min. Compound separation was achieved using a fused silica capillary ($25 \text{ m} \times 0.25 \text{ mm ID}$ coated with PoraBOND Q) porous layer open tubular column (PLOT). Initial oven column was 50°C maintained for 3 min and then increased at 5°C min^{-1} up to 250°C maintained for 10 min. The carrier gas was helium N6 at 1.2 mL min^{-1} . Samples were analysed in total ion current mode, with m/z ranging from 20 to 250. The detection limit was 0.006 and 0.10 ng on column for isoprene and monoterpene respectively, corresponding to 1.2 and 40 pptv respectively in air for a 1 L sample, with a level of analytical precision better than 7.5 %. Under sampling conditions (similar flow rate, volume, biomass) this corresponds to a minimum isoprene (monoterpene) emission rate of $0.0025 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$. Isoprene quantification was made using a $3.97 \pm 0.08 \text{ ppb}$ in N_2 certified gas standard (NPL, Teddington Middlesex, UK) for lower concentrations and a $3.90 \pm 0.29 \text{ ppm}$ in N_2 certified gas standard (Air Liquide) for higher concentrations. Monoterpene quantification was made by comparison with liquid standard (Fluka) appropriately diluted in MeOH. GC–MS quantification was made for the ion m/z 67 and 93 for

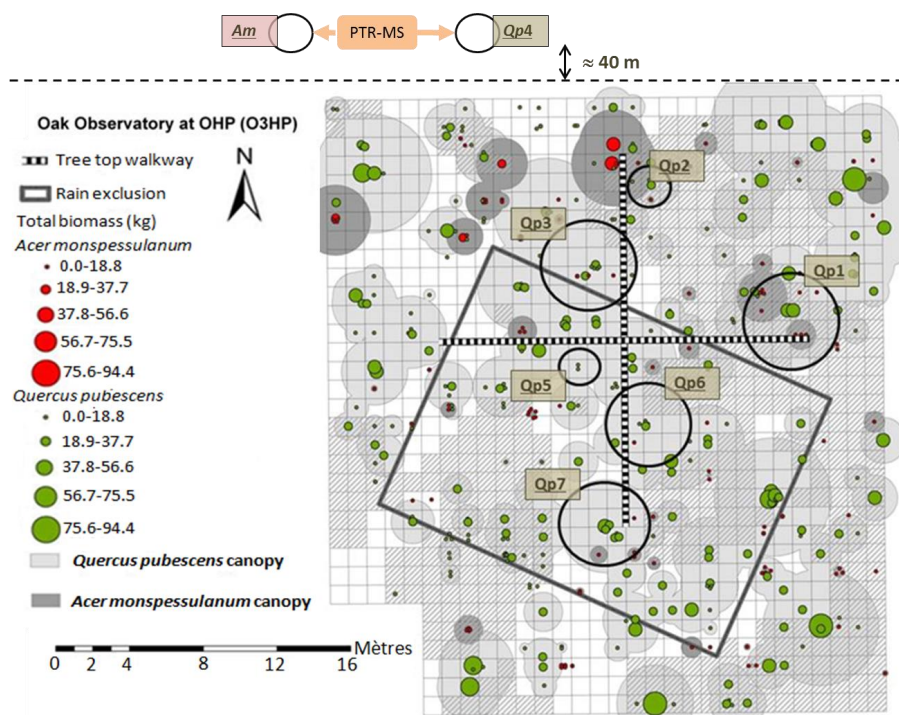


Figure 1. Location of the studied *Q. pubescens* (Q_{pi}) and *Acer monspessulanum* (Am) trees. Branches Q_{p4} and Am were located ≈ 40 m north of the O₃HP footbridge and BVOC emissions were measured using an online PTR-MS. All other Q_{pi} branches were sampled from the O₃HP footbridge using adsorbent cartridges. Black circles in the O₃HP area represent the assessed crown area of the sampled trees.

isoprene and monoterpene respectively. Daily whole range calibrations were carried out.

Laboratory intercomparison between IMBE and LSCE analytical GC-MS system was carried out by loading IMBE and LSCE isoprene standards in both types of tubes (glass and SS) over a 12–1400 ngC range. A coefficient of determination R^2 of 0.953 ($n = 14$) and 1.000 ($n = 7$) for the GC-MSD HP 5973 and the GC-MSD Saturn 2200 respectively was found, with an estimation bias ranging from 3 to 10 %, close to the analytical precisions. Likewise, no significant differences were found between isoprene in situ samples (0–150 ngC) simultaneously collected into glass and SS cartridges on either the inflowing or outflowing air of the enclosures ($n = 20$; slope = 1.05; $R^2 = 0.90$). No breakthroughs were observed for isoprene, either on laboratory tests (up to 1400 ngC) or on in situ samples (up to 660 ngC) for both cartridges. No intercomparison was carried out for monoterpene analysis.

The overall uncertainty associated with emission rate measurements (including sampling and analytical uncertainties) for both sets of cartridges was between 15 and 20 %.

Details on VOC determination using the PTR-MS can be found in Kalogridis et al. (2014). Twelve masses were followed for both the *Acer* and the *Quercus* branch. Measurements of the inflowing and outflowing air were made al-

ternatively every 15 min, allowing an ER assessment every 30 min.

2.5 Statistics

All statistics were performed on STATGRAPHICS® centurion XV by Statpoint, Inc. To compare the relationship between BVOCs emitted by *A. monspessulanum* and *Q. pubescens* branches studied with PTR-MS and the $C_L \times C_T$ factor, we performed a linear regression analyses. In order to check the absence of water stress impact on isoprene emission, slopes of the regression lines between ER and $C_L \times C_T$ in the control and rain-excluded plots were compared using an ANOVA. The same test was used to compare differences between sunlit and shaded branch emissions by comparing slopes of the regression lines between ER and $C_L \times C_T$ for this modality. Moreover differences in Pn, Gw, and Sw between control and rain-excluded trees were analysed using the Mann–Whitney test (W).

3 Results and discussion

3.1 Experimental site conditions

During the first half of the campaign, the weather was fairly unstable, with few showers or longer periods of rain, in particular on 12 June which was rainy most of the day, and

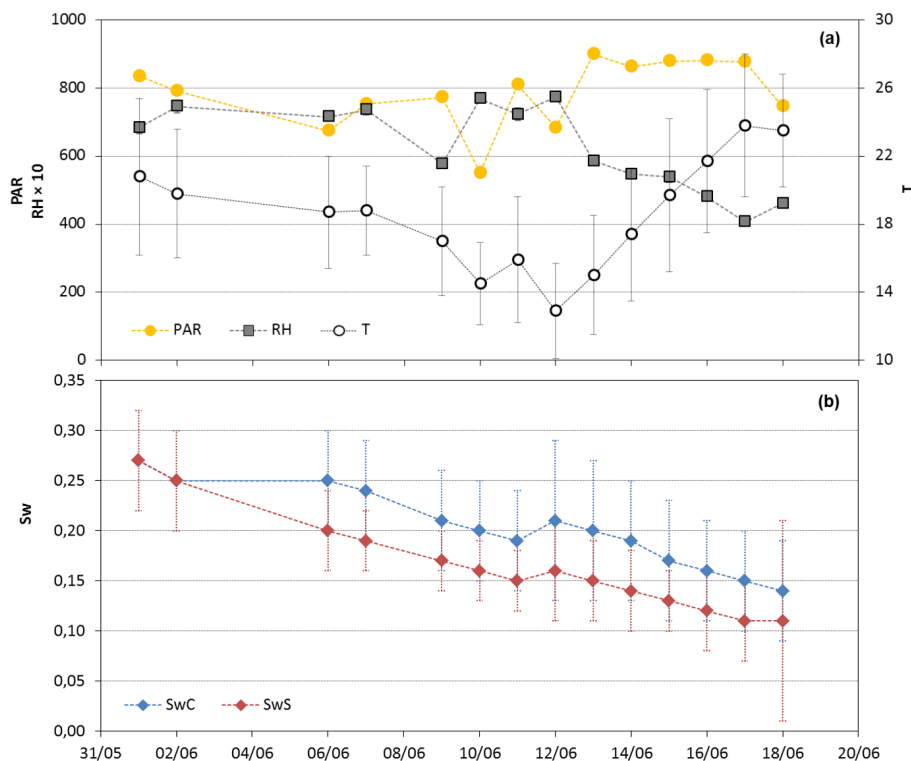


Figure 2. Environmental conditions prevailing at the O₃HP site. (a) Daily mean photosynthetically active radiation PAR ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$), temperature T ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) and ambient relative humidity RH (%) measured above canopy (6.5 m above ground) and (b) soil water content Sw ($\text{L}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \text{L}_{\text{soil}}^{-1}$) recorded in the control (C, six different probes) and rain exclusion plots (S, five different probes) at -0.1 m.

an ambient temperature decreasing down to a mean daily value of about 13°C . From 13 June and until the end of the measurements, the weather became more stable, sunnier, warmer and dryer; the daily mean air temperature increased constantly up to nearly 24°C by the end of the campaign, the ambient relative humidity decreased down to 40 %, and Sw in both plots decreased down to 0.11 and $0.15 \text{ L}_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \text{L}_{\text{soil}}^{-1}$ for the rain exclusion and control plot respectively. From 6 June, Sw in the rain exclusion plot was systematically lower than in the control plot (Fig. 2b). Indeed, the annual cumulative precipitation in 2012 in the rain exclusion plot (data not shown) became significantly different since the beginning of May and was around 30 % lower compared to the control plot (comparison of means, Mann–Whitney test, $W = 508.0$, $P < 0.05$).

3.2 BVOC emission screening in the O₃ HP forest

3.2.1 *Q. pubescens* BVOC emissions

BVOC emissions from *Q. pubescens* (obtained by PTR-MS; *Qp4*, Table 1) were consistent with previous literature results (Owen et al., 1998; Simon et al., 2005). Indeed, *Q. pubescens* was found to be a strong isoprene emitter, with a daily mean value of isoprene emission rate (ER_{iso})

of $98 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ representing, on average, 98.8 % of the carbon emitted by the *Qp4* branch. The remaining 1.2 % was found to represent a negligible quantity of the carbon assimilated as CO_2 and was, in decreasing order, composed by methanol, total monoterpenes, acetone (altogether ≈ 84 % of the non-isoprene BVOCs), methyl-vinyl-ketone (MVK) + methacrolein (MACR) and acetaldehyde, whose emissions were of the order of $0.1 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$. Since isoprene and total monoterpene emissions have been observed to be light and temperature dependent in this study, *Q. pubescens* emission factors (EF) could be assessed using the G93 algorithm (Guenther et al., 1993) and are presented in Table 1 for *Qp4*.

Methanol is thought to be produced by destruction of wall cells during growth or during leaf senescence (Galbally and Kirstine, 2002). It could be both a non-stored or stored compound in the water compartments of the cell, such as vacuoles. However, since *Qp4* methanol emissions were mainly exponentially dependent on temperature ($R^2 = 0.9$, $P < 0.001$) as previously observed for *Picea* species (Hayward et al., 2004) and lemon trees (Fares et al., 2011), it is likely that *Q. pubescens* methanol emissions come from an internal pool as suggested by Seco et al. (2007). In the afternoon, methanol emissions became the main non-isoprene compound emitted by *Q. pubescens*.

Table 1. BVOCs emitted by *Q. pubescens* (Qp4) and *A. monspessulanum* (Am) branches, 1 and 2 June respectively, measured with a PTR-MS. Daily mean ($n = 30$) and maximum (parenthesis) BVOC branch emission rates (ERs) are in $\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$. Values are expressed \pm their SD.

Compound	<i>Qp4</i> (PAR=851.7; $T = 28.7 \pm 4.9$; RH = 68.7 ± 10.3 ; Pn = 8.3 ± 2.8 ; Gw = 189.6 ± 157.6) ^a					<i>Am</i> (PAR = 460.9; $T = 26.6 \pm 4.4$; RH = 75.2 ± 18.7 ; Pn = 2.3 ± 1.3 ; Gw = 85.3 ± 45.9) ^a				
	ER	Relative composition ^b		EF ^c		ER	Relative composition ^b		EF ^c	
Methanol	0.49 ± 0.10 (0.98)	0.5	{41.5}			0.50 ± 0.04 (0.57)	26.7	{43.4}		0.39 ± 0.04
Acetaldehyde	0.09 ± 0.03 (0.30)	0.1	{7.6}			0.12 ± 0.01 (0.38)	15.1	{24.5}		0.28 ± 0.03
Acetone	0.20 ± 0.06 (0.46)	0.2	{16.9}			0.27 ± 0.02 (0.32)	16.3	{26.4}		0.24 ± 0.02
Isoprene	98 ± 31 (229)	98.8	–			138 ± 10 (0.73)	38.4	–		0.47 ± 0.04
MVK + MACR	0.10 ± 0.03 (0.26)	0.1	{8.5}			0.01 ± 0.005 (0.04)	1.2	{1.9}		0.030 ± 0.002
Monoterpenes ^d	0.30 ± 0.10 (0.77)	0.3	{25.4}			0.02 ± 0.01 (0.07)	2.3	{3.8}		0.050 ± 0.003

^a Measurement information inside the enclosure chamber are daily averaged: PAR is in $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$, temperature T in $^{\circ}\text{C}$, relative humidity RH in %, photosynthetic net assimilation Pn in $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ and stomatal conductance Gw in $\text{mmol H}_2\text{O m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$. ^b Percentage of speciated BVOC relative to total BVOC and to non-isoprene BVOC (brackets). ^c Emission factors EF ($\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) formed the best-fit slope of ER vs. $C_L \times C_T$ as in Guenther et al. (1993). ^d Total monoterpenes emissions measured from the PTR-MS were derived from absolute concentrations at m/z 137.

Since methanol release, as other alcohols, is strongly stomatal dependent, its maximum relative contribution to the emitted carbon was observed at dawn: up to 6.9 % of the carbon emitted as BVOC (data not shown) compared to 3.1 and 0.8 % later in the morning and in the afternoon respectively. Although no methanol emissions were previously reported for *Q. pubescens*, the mean emission rate measured of $0.49 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ (or $130 \text{ ng g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$, or $1.13 \text{ nmol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) is in the medium range of the foliar emissions reviewed by Seco et al. (2007) for methanol emissions from emitters other than *Q. Pubescens*.

Total monoterpene emissions were more than 300 times lower than isoprene emissions, in agreement with a factor of 250 found by Simon et al. (2005) for *Q. pubescens* studied under Mediterranean conditions. Monoterpenes were found to be mainly under α -pinene and limonene (67 and 33 % respectively – data from cartridge samplings, not shown) and their emission rates were more light and temperature dependent (“de novo emissions”) than only temperature dependent (“pool emission”) ($R^2 = 0.87$ and 0.64 respectively and $P < 0.001$).

As for methanol, no acetone emissions have been previously reported for *Q. pubescens*. The mean emission rate of $0.20 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ (or $320 \text{ ng g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$, or $0.15 \text{ nmol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) is also in the medium range of the foliar emissions reviewed by Seco et al. (2007). The relative contribution of acetone to the total BVOC emissions remained fairly stable throughout the whole day of measurement (around 12.5 % of the non-isoprene BVOCs) and was found to be influenced by ambient light and temperature variations ($R^2 = 0.88$ and $P < 0.001$).

MVK + MACR are mainly secondary products of isoprene oxidation (Jardine et al., 2012). Our study showed that MVK + MACR emission rates were highly ($R^2 = 0.97$, $P < 0.001$, $n = 28$) correlated with ER_{iso} all throughout the diurnal cycle. A direct primary emissions of these compounds by the *Q. pubescens* branch could thus not be proven, and values presented in the Table 1 should be then considered as the upper limit for primary emissions from this emitter.

Similarly, if acetaldehyde detected in our enclosure were mostly from primary biogenic source (cell catabolism, see

Fall et al., 1999 and Loreto et al., 2006), the emission rates thus assessed ($0.09 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$, $165 \text{ ng g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ or $0.10 \text{ nmol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) would be in the lower range of the foliar emission rates reported in the literature for other plants (Seco et al., 2007). As for methanol emissions, the relative contribution of acetaldehyde emissions to total assimilated carbon was observed to peak in the morning (1.5 % compared to 0.06 % in the afternoon).

3.2.2 *A. monspessulanum* BVOC emissions

A. monspessulanum total BVOC emissions ($< 1 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) were 2 orders of magnitude smaller than the total *Q. pubescens* BVOC emissions ($> 100 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$; Table 1). Isoprene and methanol were the two dominant BVOCs measured, with a daily mean emission rate of 0.33 and $0.23 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ respectively. Acetone, acetaldehyde and total monoterpenes were measured at lower rates, the latter being close to our detection limit. No foliar BVOC emission values have been reported in the literature for *A. monspessulanum*. Nevertheless, our findings confirm that like other *Acer* species (such as *Acer platanoides* L., *A. rubrum* L., or *A. saccharinum* L., Kesselmeier and Staudt, 1999), *A. monspessulanum* is a weak isoprene or other BVOC emitter.

BVOCs other than isoprene represented a lower fraction of the total carbon emitted in the morning (≈ 33 %) than in the afternoon (≈ 66 %), with methanol emission rates, in the morning, even higher than isoprene emission rates. Total BVOC emissions represented less than 0.2 % of the assimilated carbon.

Ambient light and temperature variations influenced the diurnal emission variations of all the measured BVOC except methanol which, as observed for *Q. pubescens*, was found to be exponentially dependent.

To conclude, *Q. pubescens* appeared to be the main BVOC emitter in the O_3HP forest compared to *A. monspessulanum*. Isoprene represented ≈ 99 % of the BVOC emitted by *Q. pubescens*, with daily mean values as high as $\approx 100 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$. Therefore, sections hereafter focus on *Q. pubescens* isoprene emissions.

3.3 *Q. pubescens* isoprene emissions and associated gas exchange at the canopy scale (tree-to-tree and within canopy)

The additional drought imposed about 1 month before the beginning of the measurements in the rain exclusion plot was not intense enough to significantly alter either the capacity of *Q. pubescens* to assimilate CO₂ or to emit isoprene (comparison of regression lines; $R^2 = 0.63$; $P > 0.05$). Although significant differences were observed in Gw with a value for stressed trees half the one for control trees (Mann–Whitney; $P < 0.001$, Table 2), isoprene emissions have been suggested to not be constrained by stomatal conductivity as pointed out by Niinemets and Reichstein (2003). Thus water stress was not considered in this study. As a result, trees growing in both the rain exclusion and the control plot were pooled and analysed together without regard to their control/drought status.

3.3.1 Plant physiology

Daily Pn and Gw measured for top canopy branches varied between 5.4 and 13.8 $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and 62.5 and 268.1 $\text{mmol H}_2\text{O m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ respectively (Table 2). These values are in agreement with observations previously reported by Damesin and Rambal (1995) for *Q. pubescens* in June (Pn of 10 $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and Gw ranging from 50 to 150 $\text{mmol H}_2\text{O m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$). Gw up to 450 $\text{mmol H}_2\text{O m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ was reported for *Quercus ilex* L. in the Mediterranean climate (Acherar and Rambal, 1992). Thus, despite the inherent modifications occurring in the microclimate surrounding an enclosed branch (higher relative humidity – especially during the night-time respiration – and warmer air temperature), no significant impact on the physiology of the studied branches was observed. Similarly, the rain event of 12 June had no impact on Pn of *Qp1* or *Qp6* branches studied on this day. Shaded branches *Qp1*_{shade} and *Qp2*_{shade} showed Pn values between 2.8 and 6.4 $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$, less than half the values of sunlit branches.

3.3.2 Canopy variability of the branch isoprene emission rate

As shown in Table 2, daily mean isoprene emission rates (ER_d) from top of the canopy branches were highly variable, fluctuating over 1 order of magnitude, between below 10 (*Qp1* and *Qp6*, 12 June) and up to 98 $\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$ (*Qp4*, 1 June). The lower ER_d coincided with reduced incident PAR and ambient temperature due to some rain events on 12 June. Since *Qp4* Pn was similar to Pn measured for the other trees (8.3 and between 5.4 and 13.8 $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ respectively), the observed ER_d range illustrates the importance of environmental conditions on the amount of carbon *Q. pubescens* allocates to isoprene emissions.

Daily mean ER_d presented a high variability between sunlit branches (23 and 98 $\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$) and shaded

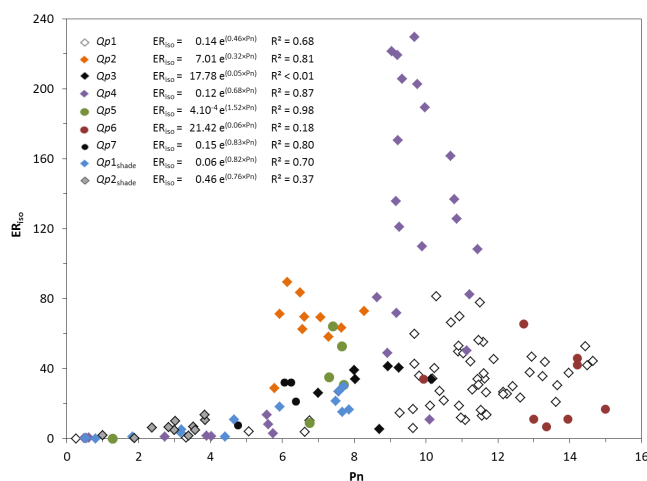


Figure 3. Isoprene emission rate ER_{iso} ($\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$) vs. net photosynthetic assimilation Pn ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$). Exponential dependency equation and determination coefficient R^2 are given for each *Qpi* branch.

branches (4.0 and 13 $\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$). Daily mean *Qp1*_{shade} and *Qp2*_{shade} PAR were reduced by a factor of 6 and 10 respectively compared to PAR values recorded on *Qp1* and *Qp2* sunlit branches. Consequently, shaded ER_d (between 4.0 and 13 $\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$) were, on average, between 2 and 10 times lower than the values measured on the sunlit *Qp1* and *Qp2* branches respectively; these values were the lowest ER_d observed during the study. In shaded branches, only 0.3 ± 0.2 to 0.5 ± 0.2 % of the assimilated carbon was emitted as isoprene (C_{iso}), while C_{iso} for sunlit branches ranged between 0.4 ± 0.1 and 2.9 ± 1.0 %. Daily mean C_{iso} was exceptionally high for *Qp4* (2.7 ± 2.2 %) and reached up to 6.5 % at solar noon.

Whatever their horizontal or vertical location in the canopy, for two-thirds of the sampled trees, measured isoprene emission rates exponentially increased with Pn, except for *Qp3*, *Qp6* and *Qp2*_{shade} (Fig. 3). As explained in the next section, *Qp3* was found to be dead in August, although there were no visible signs when our study was conducted. *Qp6* was studied during the only rainy day of our study (12 June, Table 2), and although its Pn was not affected, its isoprene emissions were much lower than during sunny days. As the range of ER_{iso} variation observed for *Qp2*_{shade} was much lower than for other sunlit branches, it was difficult to distinguish an exponential dependency on Pn as strong as for the other branches. Aside from these particular cases, such an exponential relation between ER_{iso} and Pn implies that even when Pn reached the maxima values, the contribution of carbon fixed by each branch to produce isoprene went on increasing.

Table 2. Environmental and physiological parameters recorded during isoprene measurements on seven sunlit (*Qp*) and two shaded (*Qp*_{shade}) *Q. pubescens* branches. PAR ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$), temperature T ($^{\circ}\text{C}$), relative humidity RH (%), photosynthetic net assimilation Pn ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) and stomatal conductance Gw ($\text{mmol H}_2\text{O m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) were recorded inside the enclosure and averaged over 02:00–22:00. Daily emission rates ER_d ($\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) were averaged over the n isoprene measurements of the sampled branch; values in brackets are minimum–maximum. Assimilated carbon emitted as isoprene C_{iso} (%) is given \pm SD. For every branch, isoprene emission rates ER_{br} and emission factor Is (as in Guenther et al. 1993) \pm SD are given in $\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ and $\text{ngC m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$ (in parentheses).

<i>Quercus pubescens</i> tree	<i>n</i>	Measurement information						ER _d	C _{iso}	ER _{br}	Is		
		Date	PAR	T	RH	Pn	Gw						
Control plot													
<i>Qp4</i>	28	1 Jun	851.7	28.7 ± 4.9	68.7 ± 10.3	8.3 ± 2.8	189.6 ± 157.6	98 {0.4–229}	2.7 ± 2.2	98 ± 31	(11.1 ± 3.5)	138 ± 10	(15.6 ± 1.1)
<i>Qp1</i>	4	6 Jun	851.7	26.6 ± 0.9	66.2 ± 4.5	12.4 ± 1.1	263.7 ± 31.0	23 {9.8–35}	0.8 ± 0.1	30 ± 5	(3.7 ± 0.6)	72 ± 3	(8.8 ± 0.3)
	9	7 Jun	625.9	24.5 ± 2.5	70.8 ± 5.3	11.6 ± 5.0	228.9 ± 137.4	24 {0.16–52}	0.6 ± 0.3				
	7	9 Jun	780.5	24.9 ± 2.7	64.4 ± 6.7	10.3 ± 3.8	191 ± 99.9	24 {0.5–47}	0.6 ± 0.4				
	3	10 Jun	868.3	25.4 ± 1.2	61.1 ± 6.0	12.7 ± 1.2	155 ± 27.4	24 {13–37}	0.5 ± 0.2				
	6	11 Jun	725	25.4 ± 1.8	58.6 ± 3.2	10.6 ± 2.3	154.5 ± 47.2	21 {1.7–34}	0.6 ± 0.2				
	6	12 Jun	585.1	21.2 ± 2.2	70.4 ± 6.3	9.5 ± 3.1	114.8 ± 24.6	9.4 {1.4–17}	0.4 ± 0.1				
	4	13 Jun	1040.8	24.5 ± 1.2	–	11.4 ± 0.8	–	26 {22–30}	0.6 ± 0.1				
	6	14 Jun	758	25.7 ± 2.4	58.0 ± 4.6	10.9 ± 0.9	157.5 ± 62.4	34 {5.8–50}	0.9 ± 0.4				
	4	15 Jun	810.9	28.4 ± 0.4	56.0 ± 4.4	10.9 ± 0.9	268.1 ± 75.1	52 {43–56}	1.3 ± 0.1				
	8	16 Jun	584.7	27.4 ± 2.9	55.1 ± 6.0	9.1 ± 3.6	177.7 ± 86.2	37 {<d.l.–78}	1.0 ± 0.6				
	4	17 Jun	858.1	30.3 ± 1.4	50.9 ± 4.3	10.4 ± 0.6	243.2 ± 48.4	65 {49–81}	1.8 ± 0.4				
	<i>Qp1</i> _{shade}	5	6 Jun	166.7	24.9 ± 0.6	84.3 ± 5.1	6.4 ± 1.9	102.7 ± 16.6	13 {3.5–21}	0.5 ± 0.2	12 ± 6	(1.0 ± 0.6)	77 ± 2
8		7 Jun	92.1	23.1 ± 1.9	80.1 ± 10.1	3.8 ± 2.8	54.0 ± 62.6	5.3 {<d.l.–19}	0.3 ± 0.2				
<i>Qp2</i>	4	15 Jun	693.8	30.0 ± 0.5	57.5 ± 6.6	7.4 ± 0.7	92.8 ± 25.8	69 {63–72}	2.7 ± 0.3	61 ± 16	(7.5 ± 1.2)	74 ± 4	(9.1 ± 0.5)
	7	16 Jun	559.9	28.7 ± 3.2	65.0 ± 7.0	5.4 ± 2.5	106.7 ± 44.4	57 {5.6–90}	2.9 ± 1.0				
<i>Qp2</i> _{shade}	6	15 Jun	60.9	24.3 ± 1.6	54.3 ± 4.2	2.8 ± 1.1	11.5 ± 9.6	7.8 {1.9–14}	0.3 ± 0.2	6.1 ± 4.1	(0.5 ± 0.4)	59 ± 12	(5.1 ± 0.1)
	5	16 Jun	29.5	24.1 ± 3.3	55.5 ± 15.9	3.0 ± 0.7	11.9 ± 10.4	4.0 {0.3–6.6}	0.5 ± 0.2				
<i>Qp3</i>	2	17 Jun	1742.5	31.8 ± 1.8	49.3 ± 8.8	7.5 ± 0.7	133.7 ± 8.3	33 {26–39}	1.2 ± 0.2	32 ± 12	(3.9 ± 1.1)	31 ± 8	(3.8 ± 1.0)
	5	18 Jun	885.6	28.7 ± 2.4	61.4 ± 10.9	9.0 ± 0.8	140.2 ± 26.3	31 {5.2–41}	1.0 ± 0.5				
Rain exclusion plot													
<i>Qp5</i>	6	9 Jun	757.6	26.1 ± 3.1	65.5 ± 8.1	6.3 ± 2.5	68.8 ± 26.4	31.9 {<d.l.–64}	1.2 ± 0.9	31.9 ± 25.8	(3.9 ± 3.2)	58 ± 17	(7.2 ± 2.1)
<i>Qp6</i>	5	11 Jun	708.6	25.5 ± 2.3	60.7 ± 9.2	12.8 ± 2.0	130.1 ± 46.8	38.1 {3.2–66}	1.2 ± 0.9	23.8 ± 15.5	(2.9 ± 1.9)	54 ± 13	(6.7 ± 1.6)
	5	12 Jun	633.1	22.2 ± 2.6	63.6 ± 10.4	13.8 ± 0.9	75.8 ± 46.9	9.5 {1.8–17}	0.3 ± 0.1				
<i>Qp7</i>	4	14 Jun	318.2	26.4 ± 1.3	65.8 ± 5.1	5.9 ± 0.7	62.5 ± 26.7	23.1 {7.4–32}	1.1 ± 0.5	23.2 ± 18.5	(2.9 ± 2.3)	62 ± 8	(7.6 ± 0.9)

3.3.3 Capturing *Q. pubescens* isoprene emission variability and providing estimates

3.3.4 Canopy variability of the isoprene emission factor Is

As isoprene emissions are known to strongly depend on temperature and PAR variations, the slope of measured isoprene emission rates vs. the $C_L \times C_T$ product was calculated in order to assess an emission factor Is for each branch (Table 2), where C_L and C_T are light and temperature dimensionless coefficients given by Guenther et al. (1993) from experimental measurements (see Appendix A). For sunlit branches, Is varied between 31 ± 8 and $138 \pm 10 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ for *Qp3* and *Qp4* respectively, which is in the range of values given in the literature (50, 66 and $118 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$, Kesselmeier et al. (1998), Owen et al. (1998) and Simon et al. (2005) respectively). A factor of more than 2 was found, on the one hand, between *Qp4* emission factor and all the other branches in the control plot, and, on the other hand, between Is from *Qp1* and *Qp2* (72 ± 3 and $74 \pm 4 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ respectively) and *Qp3* ($31 \pm 8 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$). The overall factor of variability of 4.3 observed in Is illustrates how in situ condition variations, even on a fairly homogenous site, can impact BVOC

emissions. Moreover, even under similar prevailing environmental conditions, the physiological status variability that may exist between branches can lead to strong differences in the branch capacity to emit isoprene. The smaller (by a factor of 2) Is observed for *Qp3* compared to other *O3HP* tree branches was a posteriori explained by the fact that this branch died in August despite no injuries were visible during our study in June. By contrast Steinbrecher et al. (2013) observed a remarkable stability of Is values from seedlings of various oak species originating from different environmental climates (precipitation, temperature) with a factor of only 1.6 for *Q. pubescens* Is .

Regarding the canopy shading effect, the studied shaded branches showed no significant difference ($R^2 = 72.8$ and 89.2 for *Qp1* and *Qp2* branches respectively; $P > 0.05$) in their capacity to emit isoprene (Is of 77 ± 3 and $59 \pm 12 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ for *Qp1*_{shade} and *Qp2*_{shade} respectively) compared to the sunlit branch of the corresponding tree (Is of 72 ± 3 and $74 \pm 4 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ for *Qp1* and *Qp2* respectively). This similarity occurred despite an observed LMA vertical gradient: 87 ± 2 and $123 \pm 1 \text{ g m}^{-2}$ for shaded and sunlit branches respectively. Such a gradient is similar to what Harley et al. (1994) reported for a *Quercus alba* forest: 75.4 ± 7.0 and $111.5 \pm 5.9 \text{ g m}^{-2}$ for shaded and sunlit

branch respectively; when these authors expressed I_s on a leaf area basis they observed significantly lower I_s values for a shaded branch. Note that if the sunlit branch LMA value were used for assessing I_s from all our branches (shaded and sunlit branches) – as it may be done in global upscaling inventory when no appropriate LMA information is available – shaded I_s value would then become significantly lower than I_s sunlit branches. As any other factors used when BVOC canopy fluxes are extrapolated from branch to canopy scale, the determination of appropriate LMA should thus be as accurate as possible since it represents one of the biases of such an exercise.

Based on our assessed I_s range (31 to $138 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) and using an average branch-scale I_s value of $60 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$, Kalogridis et al. (2014) extrapolated a canopy isoprene emission flux of $15 \text{ mg m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$, twice the mean canopy flux measured in June during this study by the disjunct eddy covariance technique ($6.6 \text{ mg m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$). The authors pointed out that such a factor of discrepancy is reasonable since it is in the range of uncertainties typically obtained for upscaling exercises (see for example Guenther et al., 1995), and is within the range of the tree-to-tree variability observed for *Q. pubescens* I_s at this site (a factor of 4.3). How much the I_s canopy variability is extensively and intensively studied illustrates the limit of precision in BVOC canopy flux assessments.

3.3.5 Diurnal variability: how well did $C_L \times C_T$ capture the observed features?

The diurnal range of isoprene ER variations observed over the seven sunlit different branches studied (Fig. 4a) was found to fluctuate from day to day and with environmental conditions (Fig. 4b). The maximum value observed on June 12 (rainy day) for the sun-exposed *Qp1* branch ($17 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) was about 5 times lower than the maximum observed at the end of the campaign (especially on 16 June, $78 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$), when weather was much warmer and sunnier (Table 2 and Fig. 4b); it was about the same as the maximum ER measured for the shaded branch *Qp1* at the beginning of the campaign (6–7 June, $\approx 20 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$). *Qp1* C_{iso} was the highest (up to 1.8 %, Table 2) at the end of the campaign, compared to values < 1 % at the beginning of our measurements, which is consistent with previous findings for *Q. pubescens* in June (0.62 to 1.8 %, Kesselmeier et al., 1998).

Diurnal variations were studied in more detail during the *Qp4* high frequency measurements carried out with the PTR-MS system. Positive P_n values were measured at 06:30 LT as soon as PAR became detectable and increased at dawn in parallel of a C_L increase (Fig. 5). Detectable isoprene emissions were observed only 2 h later (08:30), when ambient temperature significantly increased (Fig. 5). Consequently, isoprene ER increased then as C_T . This finding contrasts with previous studies (Owen et al., 1998) where *Q.*

pubescens ERs were more PAR dependent than temperature dependent. The morning delay observed between P_n and the isoprene emissions onset was found to correspond to a temperature increase dT of nearly 3°C ; interestingly, a similar dT was observed for the *Qp1* branch when early morning measurements were made. Temperature continued to significantly (compared to PAR) impact isoprene until the maximum ER ($229 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ at 13:30). Between 13:30 and 17:30 isoprene emissions remained constantly more temperature dependent than light dependent. As soon as PAR decreased (17:30), ER started to decrease to non-detectable values, while the branch continued to assimilate CO_2 and P_n decreased only 1 h later. If the diurnal variations of *Qp4* ERs were mostly well described by $C_L \times C_T$ (in particular the maximum from dawn to midday and during the evening), the relative influence of light and temperature varied throughout the day as presented in Fig. 6: from 13:30 to 16:00 ER decreased from 220 to less than $150 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ at nearly constant $C_L \times C_T$; on the contrary, after 16:00, ER remained close to $75 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ although $C_L \times C_T$ fluctuated by nearly a factor of 3 (from 1.1 to 0.4). Thus, after the solar noon, ER presented an overall reverse sigmoid shape diurnal dependency with $C_L \times C_T$. The sudden decrease of ER at 13:30 while $C_L \times C_T$ remained constant may illustrate a possible temperature midday stress of the branch, with emissions falling to a minimum value of $\approx 75 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$. The thermal stress lasted until 16:00 when isoprene emission regulation became again well correlated to $C_L \times C_T$. Indeed, as reported by Niinemets et al. (2010a) heat stress could modify isoprene emissions by decreasing foliar metabolism. For instance, Funk et al. (2004) observed that during heat stress, an alternative source of carbon (carbon pool stored as carbohydrates) is used for isoprene synthesis. As showed by Fortunati et al. (2008) for *Populus nigra* L., as this alternative carbon source is unaffected by temperature, our observations could illustrate a similar uncoupling between isoprene emissions and $C_L \times C_T$ for *Q. pubescens*. Note that such a response was also observed during water stress on *Quercus* species by Tani et al. (2011), who suggested that when photosynthesis was completely suppressed in the afternoon due to severe water stress, the DMAPP content (or dimethylallyl pyrophosphate, the substrate for isoprene synthase) was not high enough to maintain isoprene emission levels as before stress.

3.3.6 Assessment of the diurnal profiles of *Q. pubescens* isoprene emission rates using different algorithms

Most of the different isoprene emission algorithms available for emission inventory are based on the empirical leaf-level isoprene emission dependency on light and temperature (Guenther et al., 1993). Among them, two were tested to evaluate their ability in assessing the diurnal profiles of *Q. pubescens* isoprene emissions observed in this Mediterranean climate: (i) the simple and well-known G93 algo-

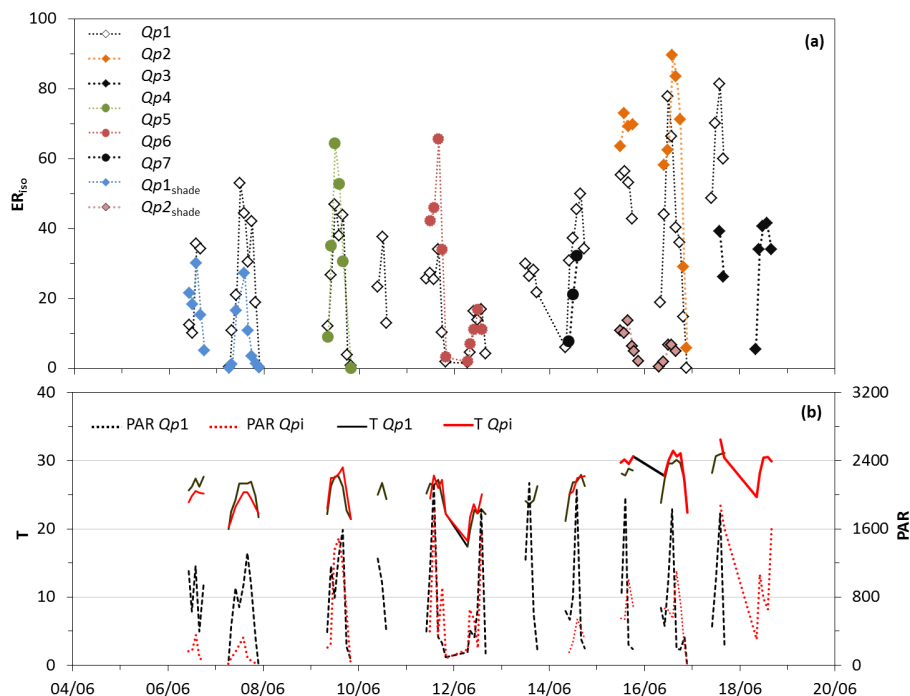


Figure 4. (a) Diurnal variations of isoprene emission rate ER_{iso} ($\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) measured from all i Qp i branches sampled on the O_3HP footbridge with (b) corresponding PAR ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) and temperature T ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) conditions.

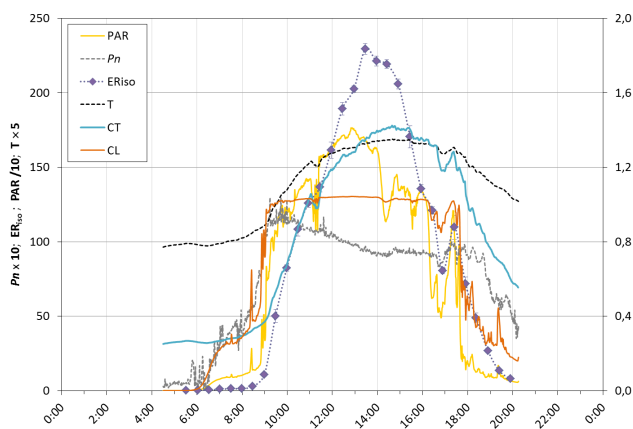


Figure 5. Diurnal variations of $Qp4$ isoprene emission rates ER_{iso} ($\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) \pm SD vs. the corresponding net photosynthetic assimilation P_n ($\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$), PAR ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$), temperature T ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) and C_L and C_T parameters (as in Guenther et al., 1993).

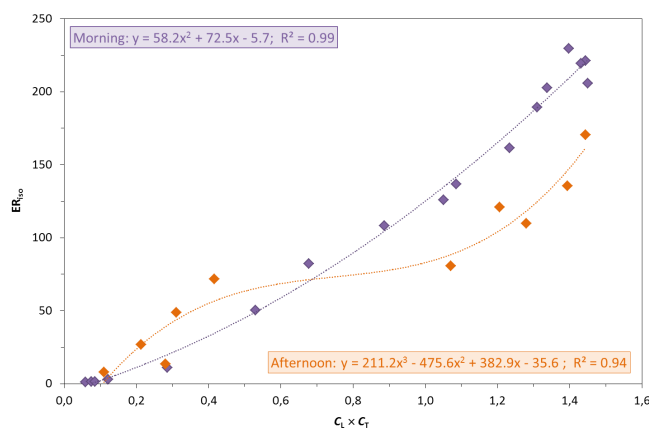


Figure 6. Diurnal variation of $Qp4$ isoprene emission rate ER_{iso} ($\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) vs. $C_L \times C_T$ as in Guenther et al. (1993) (1 June). Purple diamonds are measurements between 08:00 and 14:00; orange diamonds are measurements between 14:30 and 20:00. Polynomial best fit equation and determination coefficient R^2 are given for morning (purple) and afternoon (orange).

rithm (Guenther et al., 1993) which only takes into account the instantaneous variations of incident light and ambient temperature – hereafter referred to as G93 and (ii) the MEGAN (Model of Emissions of Gases and Aerosols from Nature) parameterisation (Guenther et al., 2006), a modified version of the former algorithm developed in an attempt to better capture the emission seasonality through the consid-

eration of the dimensionless γ_{age} factor dependent on leaf age (here set at 0.6), the lower frequency variations (up to 10 days) of environmental conditions and the impact of soil humidity through the γ_{SM} factor. The algorithms were tested for $Qp4$ branch using both an I_s value of $53 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ as recommended by Simpson et al. (1999) for European

Q. pubescens and our values obtained in this study (72 and $138 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ for *Qp1* and *Qp4* respectively).

As a whole, both algorithms underestimated the ER measured from *Qp4* (65 and 55 % for G93 and MEGAN respectively, Fig. 7, Table 3) when the Simpson et al. (1999) Is value was used. This discrepancy reached a factor of 3 for midday maximum emissions (74 and $93 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ for G93 and MEGAN respectively compared to $229 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$). When Is values observed during this study were employed, a much better agreement was found (a slight over- and underestimation of 16 and 8 %, and a root mean square error (RMSE) value ≈ 2 and 3 times lower for G93 and MEGAN respectively, Fig. 7, Table 3). The main bias was thus found to be linked with Is since the general diurnal trend was roughly captured by both algorithms ($R^2 > 0.91$ for all comparisons). However, note that the maximum *Qp4* emissions calculated with both algorithms were reached at 14:00 (MEGAN) and 15:30 (G93), later than what was observed (13:30) and regardless the Is value used. Besides, predicted ER remained mostly constant until 16:00, while the observed emissions decreased to ER values 50 % smaller than the midday maximum as previously described and discussed (Sect. 3.4.2). As both algorithms are strongly dependant on temperature variations, such an observed uncoupling between ER and elevated temperature (here higher than 33°C) could not be captured. ER evening decrease was predicted to occur more rapidly and earlier (18:00) compared to in situ observations, resulting in an estimated ER of $\approx 10 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ compared to the observed value of $75 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$. On the contrary ER was assessed to occur much earlier at dawn (06:30 compared to 08:00), thus as soon as Pn became positive and was overestimated by a factor of 3 by G93 over this period. Note that for *Qp4*, the simpler G93 algorithm performed almost as well as the more complex MEGAN parameterisation (similar slope, R^2 and RMSE, Table 3).

Some similar findings were observed when G93 and MEGAN algorithms were tested over the longer time series (13 days) of *Qp1* diurnal measurements: when the measured Is was employed instead of the literature value, the underestimation of G93 and MEGAN was reduced from 46 and 77 % to 27 and 68 % respectively, although RMSE remained in the same range (Table 3). However, MEGAN performance became much weaker ($R^2 = 0.15$) for *Qp1*, especially for the assessment of ER measured at the end of the 13-day period (detailed data not shown), when much warmer and drier conditions were established at the O₃HP site. Indeed, the soil water content becoming lower than the wilting point used for our soil type ($0.138 \text{ m}^3 \text{ m}^{-3}$ for clay, Chen and Dudhia, 2001), the MEGAN γ_{SM} factor was no longer 1 but significantly lowered most of the assessed isoprene emissions. Unfortunately, the consideration of superficial (-0.1 m depth) soil moisture does not take into account trees' ability to access deeper water sources. As weather was cooler and rainy at the beginning of the campaign, such a γ_{SM} modulation did

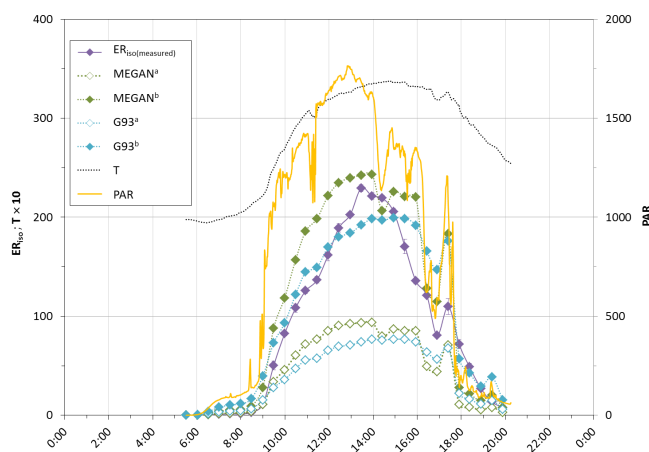


Figure 7. Comparison between *Qp4* isoprene emission rates ER_{iso} ($\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1} \pm \text{SD}$) measured in situ (1 June, purple diamonds) and assessed using isoprene emission algorithm as in (i) Guenther et al. (1993) (G93, green diamonds) and as in (ii) MEGAN model (Guenther et al., 2006, blue diamonds) using a leaf age factor γ_{age} of 0.6 and a soil water factor γ_{SM} of 1. PAR ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) and temperature T ($^\circ\text{C}$) were recorded inside the enclosure. ^a Emission factor Is value is $53 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ (as in Simpson et al., 1999, open diamonds). ^b Emission factor Is value is $138 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ (this study, solid diamonds).

not operate either on *Qp4* measurements or on the first day of the *Qp1* measurements (γ_{SM} was 1). When γ_{SM} was not considered anymore and set to 1 for all the *Qp1* measurements, MEGAN performed much better and assessed nearly 60 % of the observed variability compared to 15 %. However, in this case, MEGAN only slightly reduced the overall *Qp1* underestimation (≈ 60 %) compared to the simpler G93 algorithm (≈ 40 %), as for *Qp4* tree.

4 Conclusions

The extensive study, at branch scale, of BVOC emissions from a Mediterranean forest ecosystem dominated by *Q. pubescens* revealed that unlike *Q. pubescens*, *C. coggygria* was a non-isoprene emitter (no other BVOCs were investigated) and *A. monspessulanum* was a weak BVOC emitter (daily mean total $< 1 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) with isoprene (36.3 %) and methanol (25.3 %) the two dominant emitted compounds (ER_{d} , of 0.33 and $0.23 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ respectively); acetone, acetaldehyde and total monoterpenes were also measured at lower rates.

Q. pubescens was found to be a strong isoprene emitter (≈ 99 % of the BVOC carbon mass) with mean ER fluctuating between 23 and $98 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ for sunlit branches and 6.1 and $11.5 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ for canopy shaded branches; methanol ($\text{ER}_{\text{d}} = 0.49 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$; 0.5 % of total BVOC) and total monoterpenes ($\text{ER}_{\text{d}} = 0.30 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$; 0.3 % of

Table 3. Results of the comparison between calculated vs. measured *Q. pubescens* isoprene emission rates using both the G93 and MEGAN algorithm. The $ax + b$ best fit equations are given, together with the determination coefficient (R^2) and the root mean square error (RMSE).

Tree	Is ^a				Is ^b		
		$ax + b$	R^2	RMSE	$ax + b$	R^2	RMSE
$Qp4$	G93	$0.35x + 6.96$	0.91	73.67	$0.92x + 18.05$	0.91	26.59
	MEGAN	$0.45x + 2.66$	0.92	65.89	$1.16x + 6.90$	0.92	36.69
$Qp1$	G93	$0.54x + 10.08$	0.74	11.88	$0.73x + 13.61$	0.74	11.61
	MEGAN	$0.23x + 9.00$	0.15	23.53	$0.32x + 12.14$	0.15	21.88

^a Emission factor Is value is $53 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ (as in Simpson et al., 1999) for all Qpi. ^b Emission factor Is value is 72 and $138 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ (*Qp1* and *Qp4* respectively, this study).

total BVOC) dominated the other emitted BVOCs, but traces of acetaldehyde and acetone were also measured.

For both shaded and sunlit *Q. pubescens* branches, most of the isoprene emission rates exponentially increased with Pn, although Pn was half as much for shaded than sunlit branches. In shaded branches, a very small fraction of the recently assimilated CO_2 (C_{iso}) was emitted as isoprene (0.25–0.5 %), whereas C_{iso} ranged between 0.5 and 1.8 % for sunlit branches with a maximum of 6.7 % under elevated temperature and sunlight stress.

Tree-to-tree isoprene emission variability was high considering the sunlit branches ($n = 7$) and, to a lesser extent, the shaded ($n = 2$) branches. ER_{d} sunlit branches varied over a factor of 10 and emission factor Is over a factor of 4.3 (between 31 ± 8 and $138 \pm 10 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$). Shaded branch variability was lower, a factor of 3 for ER_{d} (between 4.0 and $13 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) and not significant for Is (between 59 ± 12 and $77 \pm 3.0 \mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$).

Within the canopy (shaded vs. sunlit branches), ER_{d} varied by a factor of 25. However, this difference between shaded and sunlit branches disappeared when Is was calculated.

Such variability represents an assessment of the tree-to-tree and branch-to-branch variability originating from in situ conditions that should always be taken into account when canopy BVOC fluxes are extrapolated from branch-scale measurements. Thus, though experiments conducted from saplings grown under near-natural, but controlled, conditions give a fairly straightforward estimation of BVOC emissions by a plant, it cannot give the full picture obtained by in situ long-term measurements.

The morning onset of isoprene emission rates was mainly driven by temperature and not Pn which was, as expected, light triggered. By contrast, evening emissions decline was mainly correlated with PAR. In between, an uncoupling of isoprene emissions with light and temperature was noticed, with emissions starting to decline during the early afternoon temperature stress whereas light and temperature remained stable.

If MEGAN and G93 algorithms succeed in capturing the overall diurnal pattern of isoprene emissions at the O₃HP, they significantly underestimated emissions by an average factor of up to 3, and especially the midday maximum values when an Is other than those assessed for this site was employed. Both algorithms were found to be very sensitive to Is, and showed difficulties in properly assessing detailed isoprene diurnal variations, in particular at dawn and when mid-day thermal stress occurred. Under water stress, MEGAN performances were even worse due to its inadequate local description of the soil moisture impact on *Q. pubescens* isoprene emissions. When soil moisture was no longer considered, MEGAN performed similarly to the much simpler G93 algorithm for our June study; however, the G93 performance may be significantly reduced compared to MEGAN when seasonal variations are considered.

This comparison illustrates how uncertain global isoprene emission algorithms or models, such as G93 and MEGAN, can be when employed for high temporal resolution air quality prediction in Mediterranean areas.

Appendix A: Emission factor I_s calculation

The empirical relationship used to describe changes in isoprene emission rates I ($\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) vs. light and temperature was as in Guenther et al. (1993):

$$I = I_s \times C_T \times C_L, \quad (\text{A1})$$

where I_s is the isoprene emission factor standardised at $T = 30^\circ\text{C}$ and $\text{PAR} = 1000 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ($\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$) and C_L and C_T are, respectively, light and temperature coefficients defined by

$$C_L = \frac{\alpha C_{L1} L}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2 L^2}} \quad (\text{A2})$$

and

$$C_T = \frac{e^{\frac{C_{T1}(T-T_S)}{RT_S T}}}{1 + e^{\frac{C_{T2}(T-T_M)}{RT_S T}}}, \quad (\text{A3})$$

where $\alpha = 0.0027 \text{ m}^2 \text{s} \mu\text{mol}^{-1}$, $C_{L1} = 1.066$ units, $C_{T1} = 95\,000 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$, $C_{T2} = 230\,000 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$, $T_M = 314 \text{ K}$ are empirically derived constants, L is the photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) flux ($\mu\text{mol}(\text{photon}) \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$), T is the predicted temperature (K) and T_S is the leaf temperature at standard condition (303 K); at standard conditions of $1000 \mu\text{mol}(\text{photon}) \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ PAR and 303 K, $C_T \times C_L = 1$.

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